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SUBJ: REPORT OF CORE GROUP ACTIVITIES ON KOREAN ISSUE

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1. TO DATE CORE GROUP HAS THOUROUGHLY INDUNDATED NEPALESE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO EXPRESS INTEREST AND CONCERN ON KOREAN QUESTION. AMBASSADOR MAYTAG AND BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAVE CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER, WHILE FOREIGN SECRETARY HAS RECEIVED REPRESENTATIONS FROM EMBOFFS, ASWELL AS FROM JAPANESE AND SOUTH KOREANS. WE HAVE ALSO RAISED ISSUE AT WORKING LEVEL OF MINISTRY AND AMBASSADOR WILL DISCUSS QUESTION DURING COURTESY CALL ON KING AUGUST 8.

2. COMMENT: AT ALL LEVELS WE HEAR THE SAME STORY. NEPAL WILL RESTRICT ITS COMMENTS AT COLOMBO SUMMIT OF NON-ALIGNED TO STATEMENT THAT IT WELCOMES RESUMPTION OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN TWO KOREAS. AT UN NEPAL WILL CONTINUYETO OBSERVE STRICT NEUTRALITY BY ABSTAINING FROM ANY SUBSTANTIVE VOTE INVOLVING KOREAN QUESTION. PRIVATELY MFA OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT NORTH KOREANS SHOULD SOMEHOW BE MUZZLED
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IN COLOMBO, BUT THEY READILY ADMIT THERI UNWILLINGNESS TO

SERVE AS THE DOG CATCHER. ONE MFA OFFICIAL TOLD SOUTH KOREANS HERE THAT NEPAL WOULD "TRY TO BE MORE ACTIVE IN CORRIDORS" AGAINST NORTH KOREANS, PROVIDED THEY RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM INDIANS AND MALAUSIANS. FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD AMBASSADOR MAYTAG THAT IN HIS VIEW SOLUTION OF QUESTION LAY ONLY IN RESUMPTION OF BILATERAL DIALOGUE OR THROUGH MECHANISM OF FOUR POWER CONFERENCE AS PROPOSED BY SEVRETARY.

3. FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH WE DETECT SLIGHT SHIFT IN TRADITIONAL NEPALESE NEUTRALITY AGAINST NORTH KOREANS. THIS MAY BE RESULT OF RECENT INCIDENT INVOLVING NORTH CKOREAN EMBASSY IMPLICATION IN DISTRIBUTION OF ANTI-MONARCHY PAMPHLETS OR, MOELKELY, SIMPLY A REFLECTION OF THOSE MFA OFFICIALS WHO HAVE HAD TO DEAL WITH NORTH KOREANS AT LAGIERS. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THIS ATTITUDE WILL BE REFLECTED IN NEPALESE POLICY AT COLOMBO, BUT WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT IT WILL PREVENT ANY SLIPPAGE IN PROCEDURAL VOTES, FOR EXAMPLE, AT UN SESSION THIS YEAR SHOULD KOREAN ITEM BE PLACED ON AGENDA ONCE MORE. MAYTAG

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